



P O R T L A N D A D V E N T I S T A C A D E M Y

HOST FAMILY APPLICATION

We attempt to match host families to student interests and characteristics. To help us locate the best student for your family, please answer the following questions:

Application components:

Host family application

- a) Family pictures and home visitation
- b) Background Check Release Form

Contact Information:

Host father name _____ Date of birth _____

Host father profession _____ Work phone _____

Host mother name _____ Date of birth _____

Host mother profession _____ Work phone _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell phone _____

Home phone _____ Fax _____

Family Information

Children:

Name: _____ Lives at home: Y/N M/F Birth date: __/__/__ Hobbies _____

Name: _____ Lives at home: Y/N M/F Birth date: __/__/__ Hobbies _____

Name: _____ Lives at home: Y/N M/F Birth date: __/__/__ Hobbies _____

Name: _____ Lives at home: Y/N M/F Birth date: __/__/__ Hobbies _____

Please list any other persons living in your home:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Age ____ M/ F Birth date: __/__/__

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Will the student have his or her own room?

Yes No

If no, whom will the student share a room with?

Do you smoke? Yes No

If you own a pet, what kind/s?

Religious affiliation _____

Which church do you attend? _____

Placement Information:

Have you traveled outside the United States, where, when & why? _____

If a second language is spoken in your home, by whom & which language? _____

Have you ever hosted an international exchange student before? Yes No

If yes, when and through what organization?

Are all members of your family interested in hosting? Yes No

What is your student preference? Male Female Either

Would your family consider hosting two students? Yes No

Describe your home/family activities so we can match you with a student who will be a great fit for your home? _____

Briefly explain why you would like to host an international student? _____

Describe a typical weekday in your home.



What special activities do you do on the weekends? _____

Provide a brief description of each of your family members including their interests, responsibilities and relationship with others.

Host Family Guidelines

Take some time to think about and write down some basic rules of your household. Include specific details about the duties and responsibilities you will expect of the student you are hosting.

Curfew: weekdays _____ weekends _____

Household responsibilities/chores expected of your student.

Family guidelines and expectations.

Has any member of your family ever been accused of a criminal offense? Yes No



If yes, please explain. _____

Does any member of your family have a serious or chronic illness? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been accused of misconduct regarding children? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Does any member of your family have a disability, nervous or mental disorder? Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

Has there been a death, divorce or significant change in your family situation in the past year?

Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

List two references who have visited you home, that we may contact (no family members please)

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Do you know of anyone (friend, neighbor or relative) who may be interested in being a host family? If yes, please indicate their name and number below.

Name _____ Phone _____

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The undersigned acknowledges that Portland Adventist Academy may conduct background checks of the undersigned's family, including records of government authorities. We agree to read and abide by host family policies and guidelines detailed in the host family guide.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Month/Day/Year



Background Check Release Form

Dear Host Family,

The new U.S. Department of State regulations require PAA to conduct a background check on all host family members or anyone residing in your home over the age of 18. This rule is being implemented to help insure the safety of our program participants.

We appreciate your sharing the information required below in order for us to perform the appropriate background checks. We recognize that this is private information and want to assure you that this information will be safeguarded accordingly.

The undersigned acknowledges that Portland Adventist Academy may conduct background checks for the undersigned's household members over the age of 18, including records of government authorities. We represent that all household members 18 and older are named below.

Please provide complete information for all members of your household that are 18 years of age or older:

<u>Name (Last, First, Middle)</u>	<u>Social Security Number</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>



Host Family Responsibilities

There are many reasons why hosting is a great experience for the whole family. You can learn about another culture without even leaving home. You will start a life-long relationship with your temporary “son” or “daughter” and when they return home, you will have a special friend in another country.

Most students that attend PAA plan to come for one school year, arriving mid-August through mid-June for their sophomore or junior year. Many may choose to stay for multiple years and receive their diploma. With possible exceptions, your international student will be part of your family during his or her entire exchange experience.

You don't need to have a teenager to be a host family. Host families have one thing in common, an ability to open your home and your heart to your student and provide room, board, love, guidance and the experience of what everyday life is like in America. You do not need to have a separate bedroom for your student. He or she may share a bedroom with a same-sex child. All you need to provide is a bed and a quiet study area.

All of our international students who come to PAA have studied spoken and written English. You will find that your student's English ability will improve remarkably during your months together.

The first step is to complete an application. The International Student Director from PAA will contact you to meet at your home and discuss students that may be in need of placement. Taking into consideration a number of factors like values, interests, quiet, outgoing, male or female, PAA will help you choose the best possible match. Common interests make the adjustment of an additional family member easier.

The intention of having international students live with host families is for them to be a part of any activities that your family is involved in from household chores to family outings. International students are expecting a family living experience, not a travel program. However, many families enjoy showing their student what makes America and Oregon special – everything from historical places to natural wonders, from sporting events to the arts. No doubt your student will also make friends at school and church and will be involved in activities there.

We encourage you to accept your international student as part of your family, but you will also be paid a stipend to help with their living expenses in your home. The international students will have their own medical insurance and bring their own spending money. Maria Bibb, International Student Director at PAA and in some cases the international students placement representative, will do their best to help you resolve any difficult situations that arise during the year. Occasionally, PAA will find another home for the student, although this usually isn't necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact PAA at 503-255-8372 ext. 260.